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NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION

(PCT Rule 61.2)

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1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

☒ in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:

18 September 2000 (18.09.00)

☐ in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:

2. The election ☒ was

☐ was not

made before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date or, where Rule 32 applies, within the time limit under Rule 32.2(b).

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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

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International application No. PCT/US00/05074		International filing date (day/month/year) 29 FEBRUARY 2000	
Priority Date (day/month/year) 02 MARCH 1999		Important Notification	
Applicant QUIXTAR INVESTMENTS, INC.			

1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.
2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.
3. Where required by any of the elected Offices, the International Bureau will prepare an English translation of the report (but not of any annexes) and will transmit such translation to those Offices.
4. **REMINDER**

The applicant must enter the national phase before each elected Office by performing certain acts (filing translations and paying national fees) within 30 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices) (Article 39(1)) (see also the reminder sent by the International Bureau with Form PCT/IB/301).

Where a translation of the international application must be furnished to an elected Office, that translation must contain a translation of any annexes to the international preliminary examination report. It is the applicant's responsibility to prepare and furnish such translation directly to each elected Office concerned.

For further details on the applicable time limits and requirements of the elected Offices, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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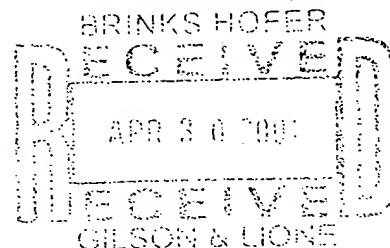
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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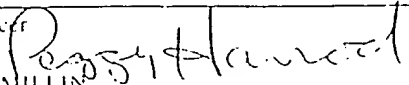
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☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority. (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

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3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☒ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application: *

☒ the international application as originally filed☒ the description:

pages 1-140 , as originally filed

pages NONE , filed with the demand

pages NONE , filed with the letter of

☒ the claims:

pages 141-188 , as originally filed

pages NONE , as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

pages NONE , filed with the demand

pages NONE , filed with the letter of

☒ the drawings:

pages 1-44 , as originally filed

pages NONE , filed with the demand

pages NONE , filed with the letter of

☒ the sequence listing part of the description:

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2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

☐ contained in the international application in printed form.☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.4. ☒ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:☒ the description, pages NONE☒ the claims, Nos. NONE☒ the drawings, sheets/fig. NONE5. ☐ This report has been drawn as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)) **

** Amendments which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-156</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>1-156</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-156</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1-96 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a method for facilitating electronic commerce transactions in a marketing system through a network according to claim 1, particularly defining the different classes of Client, Member, Member Plus, and IBO (independent business owner) with the corresponding different privileges as set forth.

Claims 97-105 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a method for facilitating electronic commerce transactions in a marketing system through a network according to claim 97, particularly defining the different classes of Client, Member, Member Plus, and IBO (independent business owner) with the corresponding different privileges as set forth.

Claim 106 meets the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a system for facilitating an on-line shopping and rewards program including a computer system according to claim 106, particularly defining the different classes of Client, Member, Member Plus, and IBO (independent business owner) with the corresponding different privileges as set forth.

Claim 107 meets the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a computer program product for enabling a processor in a computer system to facilitate an on-line shopping and rewards program according to claim 107, particularly defining the different classes of Client, Member, Member Plus, and IBO (independent business owner) with the corresponding different privileges as set forth.

Claims 108-113 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a method for facilitating electronic commerce transactions in a marketing system through a network according to claim 108, particularly defining the different classes of Client, Member, Member Plus, and IBO (independent business owner) with the corresponding different privileges as set forth.
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VI. Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

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US, A, 6,134,533	17 OCTOBER 2000	25 NOVEMBER 1996	NONE

2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)

Kind of non-written disclosure

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V. 2. REASONED STATEMENTS - CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS (Continued):

corresponding different privileges as set forth.

Claims 114-119 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a system for facilitating electronic commerce transactions in a marketing system according to claim 114, particularly defining the different classes of Client, Member, Member Plus, and IBO (independent business owner) with the corresponding different privileges as set forth.

Claim 120 meets the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a computer program product for enabling a processor in a computer system to facilitate electronic commerce transactions according to claim 120, particularly defining the different classes of Client, Member, Member Plus, and IBO (independent business owner) with the corresponding different privileges as set forth.

Claim 121 meets the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a system for facilitating electronic commerce transactions in a marketing system according to claim 121, particularly defining the different classes of Client, Member, Member Plus, and IBO (independent business owner) with the corresponding different privileges as set forth.

Claim 122 meets the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a computer program product for enabling a processor in a computer system to facilitate electronic commerce transactions in a marketing system according to claim 122, particularly defining the different classes of Client, Member, Member Plus, and IBO (independent business owner) with the corresponding different privileges as set forth.

Claims 123-126 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a method for facilitating electronic commerce transactions in a marketing system according to claim 123, particularly defining the different classes of Client, Member, Member Plus, and IBO (independent business owner) with the corresponding different privileges as set forth.

Claims 127-135 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a method for facilitating an on-line shopping and rewards program according to claim 127, particularly defining the different classes of Client, Member, Member Plus, and IBO (independent business owner) with the corresponding different privileges as set forth.

Claims 136-149 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a method for accumulating a list of products and services selected for purchase from a shopping page web file and a merchant partner page web file in accordance with claim 136, the merchant partner page web file being novel.

Claims 150-151 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a method for facilitating electronic commerce transactions in a marketing system according to claim 150, particularly assigning a second individual who registers with the marketing system to the first individual.

Claims 152-153 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a method for granting access to a user a first web page file according to claim 152, particularly granting the user to a first web page file or directing the user to a second web page file according to whether the participation level of the user does or does not meet a predetermined access level.

Claims 154-156 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a method for facilitating electronic commerce transactions in a marketing system through a network according to claim 154, particularly defining the different classes of Client, Member, Member Plus, and IBO (independent business owner) with the corresponding different privileges as set forth.

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NONE

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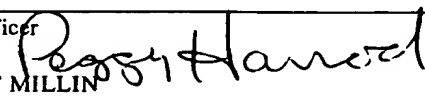
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